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 --Furthermore, GB-A-2,119,711 discloses a stationary fountain comprising a doctor blade co-operating with a ductor. A lacquer roller is displaceable between a first position for transferring water via a plate cylinder and a second position for transferring coating directly to the blanket cylinder. There is no disclosure that the doctor blade could be displaced together with the interactive roller as a unit.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--;

before line 28, insert:

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 --The method and the apparatus make it possible that the doctor blade together with the roller form a unit which is slidable between the two positions.--

Page 5, before line 24, change "Description of the Drawing" to:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--;

Page 6, before line 8, insert:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

In the Claims:

Kindly amend claims 1-9 as follows:

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 1. (Amended) A method for operating a printing unit in an offset machine in which the printing unit comprises a doctor blade used for coating and as moistening unit for applying water, wherein the doctor blade and an interacting roller are displaced between a first position for transferring water via a plate cylinder to a blanket cylinder and a second position for transferring coating directly to the blanket cylinder.

2. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the displacement is a pivoting about an axis in parallel with the rotational axis of the plate and blanket cylinder.

3. (Amended) A printing unit for use in a method according to claim 1 in an offset machine, comprising means for coating and means for applying water, and where the coating means and the water application means are constituted by a unit comprising a doctor blade and at least one roller for transferring coating or water from the doctor blade, wherein the coating and water application unit is arranged slidable between a first position for bringing said at least one roller in contact with a roller engaging the plate cylinder, and a second position for bringing said at least one roller in direct contact with the blanket cylinder of the printing unit.

4. (Amended) A printing unit according to claim 3, wherein the coating means only comprises one transfer roller in the shape of a screen roller transferring coating directly from the doctor blade to the blanket cylinder.

5. (Amended) A printing unit according to claim 3, wherein the coating means comprises transfer rollers in the form of a screen roller and a rubber roller for transferring water from the doctor blade to the plate cylinder and one screen roller for transferring coating directly to the blanket cylinder.

6. (Amended) A printing unit according to claim 3, wherein the doctor blade/transfer roller unit is mounted pivotably in relation to the plate cylinder and the blanket